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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

LAUSTEVEION JOHNSON,)	
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Plaintiff,)	Case No. 2:15-cv-00884-JAD-NJK
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vs.)	ORDER
)	
LUIS LOPEZ, et al.,)	(Docket No. 86)
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Defendants.)	
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Pending before the Court is Plaintiff’s motion to extend prison copy work limits. Docket No. 86. For the reasons discussed below, the Court **DENIES** Plaintiff’s motion.

I. Background

Plaintiff does not have a constitutional right to free photocopying. *Johnson v. Moore*, 948 F.2d 517, 521 (9th Cir. 1991) (*citing Sands v. Lewis*, 886 F.2d 1166, 1169 (9th Cir.1989) (“numerous courts have rejected any constitutional right to free and unlimited photocopying”)). The Ninth Circuit has concluded that “an inmate has a right to photocopying . . . *when, and only when,* necessary to guarantee him meaningful access to the courts.” *Hiser v. Franklin*, 94 F.3d 1287, 1294 n. 6 (9th Cir. 1996) (emphasis added). In this District, a court may order a prison to provide limited photocopying “when it is necessary for an inmate to provide copies to the court and other parties.” *Allen v. Clark Cnty. Det. Ctr.*, 2011 WL 886343, at *2 (D. Nev. Mar. 11, 2011) (finding plaintiff demonstrated a need to increase the copy work limit when he provided a copy of his inmate account statement showing a negative balance of \$199 and the case was pending appeal before the Ninth Circuit).

1 Here, Plaintiff not only has not provided a copy of his inmate account statement showing that
2 there are insufficient funds for Plaintiff to provide copies to the court and other parties, he
3 affirmatively states that he can, in fact, afford to make his own copies. Docket No. 86 at 1. Plaintiff
4 submits, however, that prison staff has informed him that “there is no way” for him to transfer funds
5 from one of his accounts to another account. *Id.*

6 Accordingly,

7 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Plaintiff’s motion to extend prison copy work limits,
8 Docket No. 86, is **DENIED**.

9 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Defendants shall inform Plaintiff how he may transfer
10 funds so that he can make copies.

11 DATED: October 13, 2017.

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NANCY J. KOPPE
United States Magistrate Judge
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